attending eye department is being encouraged with specific reference to posterior segment examination of the patients.

PHCs in Assam

804. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for setting up primary health centres in rural and hilly areas of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) the total fund allocated for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The setting up of Primary Health Centres comes under the purview of the State Government. The State Government decides the location as per their requirement. Keeping in view the shortfall of Primary Health Centres as per population norms vide 1991 population, the State had been advised to establish 107 Primary Health Centres during 9th Plan period, out of which 27 Primary Health Centres are to be set up during 2001-2002.

(c) Primary Health Centres are established and maintained and of funds provided to the State under Minimum Needs Programmes/Basic Minimum Services Programmes. In addition Additional Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana is being provided for strengthening Primary Health. Out of Rs. 20112.00 lakhs earmarked for PMGY to Assam for the year 2001-2002, a minimum of 10% would be allocated to Primary Health.

Right of breast-feeding

†805. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain multinational companies are trying to snatch away the right of breastfeedings;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.